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Dr. Paul Herman Buck
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Dear Dr. Buck:

As indicated in his letter to you of 16 October, Mr. Forrester has asked me to write you relative to your proposal to him dated 8 October in connection with the establishment of Strategic Intelligence Reserve Units.

This agency is an essentially civilian activity and does not function as a part of the National Military Establishment. We do not have any authority to establish reserve units of either military or civilian character, and our mission is such that we maintain no direct contact, either for supervision or information, with any reserve activity.

As your suggestion for an inter-service pool of reserve personnel is one requiring joint action by the military departments, I have referred your letter back to the Secretary of Defense with a copy of this letter.

Your evident real interest in our national defense and in this agency is greatly appreciated, and I regret that I cannot be of more assistance in the proposal you have made.

Sincerely,

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R. H. HILLENKOTTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

cc: Secretary of Defense

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